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**City of Santa Clara**



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## **City of Santa Clara Celebrates Building Safety Week**

To celebrate Building Safety Week, May 6 to 12, 2007 the City of Santa Clara Building Inspection Office will hold a number of building safety events at the Permit Center at 1500 Warburton Ave. This is an effort to increase public awareness and promote the understanding and importance of building safety.

“Building Safety Week recognizes the important role the Building Inspection Office plays in the maintenance and construction of safe buildings in our community. It is also an excellent opportunity to increase public awareness of building and seismic safety to protect lives and property.” said Sheila Lee, Building official for the City of Santa Clara.

The Building Inspection Office takes appropriate steps every day to ensure the safety of the places where people live, work, play, and learn by reviewing building plans, issue building permits, and inspecting buildings during construction. This work protects the health and safety of the public by ensuring that applicable code requirements are met and maintained. The City of Santa Clara Building Inspection Office issues more than 6000 permits and handles more than 27,000 inspections each year.

A number of events are planned for the Building Safety week:

- Free Building Safety Workshops on Wednesday, May 9, and Thursday May 10.
- Free foundation strengthening plans and free seismic strengthening plan check for single family homes will be provided for Santa Clara residents.
- Building Inspection staff available to answer safety questions at the Permit Center throughout the week.
- Simpson Strong-Tie Company will provide a display of seismic retrofit hardware at the Permit Center during the afternoons of May 9 and 10.

The free workshops on home utility, electrical, and fire safety and residential seismic retrofit will be offered from 1:00 – 3:00 PM on May 9 and 10. RSVP by May 7, 2007 by calling 615-2440. Additional information can be found at the City’s website at [www.ci.santa-clara.ca.us](http://www.ci.santa-clara.ca.us). For further details or contact the Building Inspection Office at 615-2440.